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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05 June 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's agent, Mr. Joseph W. Iskra, registration # 57,485 on 08 September 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A mobile terminal having a broadcast program receiving function in addition to a communication function, comprising:

a memory;

a recording unit operable, when playback of a broadcast program being received is disabled by the communication function, to record the broadcast program in the memory as broadcast data including audio data and video data[[,]] with the communication function having priority over the playback; and

a playback unit operable, when the disabled playback changes to be enabled, to play back the broadcast data.

2. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 1, wherein the playback is disabled either on receipt of an incoming call having priority over the playback, or on commencement of a call, and the disabled playback changes to be enabled when the call ends.

3. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 2, wherein the playback unit includes a first playback subunit operable to receive a specification of a playback speed from a user and play back the recorded broadcast data at the specified playback speed.

4. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 3, wherein the first playback subunit includes:

a standard playback subunit operable to play back the recorded broadcast data at a standard playback speed equal to an original playback speed of the broadcast program;

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and

a high-speed playback subunit operable to play back the broadcast data at a playback speed higher than the standard playback speed.

5. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 4, wherein the first playback subunit further includes a special playback subunit operable to perform slow playback and reverse playback during the playback of the recorded broadcast data.

6. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 5, wherein the high-speed playback subunit includes a calculation subunit operable to receive a remaining playback time period from the user, and calculate, based on a predetermined formula, a playback speed indicating a number of frames to be played back per second, and the high-speed playback subunit reads the broadcast data from the memory, and plays back the read broadcast data at the calculated playback speed.

7. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 6, wherein when another incoming call is received during the playback or when another call starts, the playback unit interrupts the playback, the calculation subunit recalculates a playback speed based on the predetermined formula, and an output subunit outputs the recorded broadcast data from an interrupted part, to a monitor at the re-calculated playback speed.

8. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 7, wherein the predetermined formula used by the calculation subunit is [formula 1]

$$x_n = x_0 + \frac{1}{t_R} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_0(t_i + P_{i-1}) - x_{i-1}P_{i-1})$$

, where

x_n is a reading speed at which the output subunit reads the video data from the memory after an end of a number of n calls [frame/sec],

x_0 is a number of frames to be played back per second at the standard playback speed, i.e. a reading speed at which the video data to be read from the memory [30 fps],

t_R is a specified remaining high-speed playback time period (a chasing playback time period) [sec],

t_i is a duration of an i -th call [sec], and

P_i is a high-speed playback time period after an end of the i -th call [sec].

9. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 6, wherein the predetermined formula used by the calculation subunit is [formula 1]

$$x_n = x_0 + \frac{1}{t_R} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_0(t_i + P_{i-1}) - x_{i-1}P_{i-1})$$

, where

x_n is a reading speed at which the output subunit reads the video data from the memory after an end of a number of n calls [frame/sec],

x_0 is a number of frames to be played back per second at the standard playback speed, i.e. a reading speed at which the video data to be read from the memory [30 fps],

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t_R is a specified remaining high-speed playback time period (a chasing playback time period) [sec],

t_i is a duration of an i-th call [sec], and

P_i is a high-speed playback time period after an end of the i-th call [sec].

10. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 4, wherein the high-speed playback subunit includes a calculation subunit operable to receive a remaining playback time period from the user, and calculate, based on a predetermined formula, a playback speed indicating a number of frames to be played back per second, and the high-speed playback subunit reads the broadcast data from the memory, and plays back the read broadcast data at the calculated playback speed.

11. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 10, wherein when another incoming call is received during the playback or when another call starts, the playback unit interrupts the playback, the calculation subunit recalculates a playback speed based on the predetermined formula, and

an output subunit outputs the recorded broadcast data from an interrupted part, to a monitor at the re-calculated playback speed.

12. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 11, wherein the predetermined formula used by the calculation subunit is [formula 1]

$$x_n = x_0 + \frac{1}{t_R} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_0 (t_i + P_{i-1}) - x_{i-1} P_{i-1})$$

, where

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x_n is a reading speed at which the output subunit reads the video data from the memory after an end of a number of n calls [frame/sec],

x_0 is a number of frames to be played back per second at the standard playback speed, i.e. a reading speed at which the video data to be read from the memory [30 fps],

t_R is a specified remaining high-speed playback time period (a chasing playback time period) [sec],

t_i is a duration of an i -th call [sec], and

P_i is a high-speed playback time period after an end of the i -th call [sec].

13. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 10, wherein the predetermined formula used by the calculation subunit is [formula 1]

$$x_n = x_0 + \frac{1}{t_R} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_0 (t_i + P_{i-1}) - x_{i-1} P_{i-1})$$

, where

x_n is a reading speed at which the output subunit reads the video data from the memory after an end of a number of n calls [frame/sec],

x_0 is a number of frames to be played back per second at the standard playback speed, i.e. a reading speed at which the video data to be read from the memory [30 fps],

t_R is a specified remaining high-speed playback time period (a chasing playback time period) [sec],

t_i is a duration of an i -th call [sec], and

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P_i is a high-speed playback time period after an end of the i -th call [sec].

14. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 4, wherein when broadcasting of the broadcast program being played back ends, the recording unit stops recording the broadcast program.

15. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 4, wherein the playback unit further includes a second playback subunit operable, when the specification of the playback speed is not received, to play back the recorded broadcast data at a default playback speed suitable for hearing audio.

16. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 3, wherein the playback unit further includes a second playback subunit operable, when the specification of the playback speed is not received, to play back the recorded broadcast data at a default playback speed suitable for hearing audio.

17. (Previously presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 16, wherein the second playback subunit plays back the recorded broadcast data at a playback speed within a range from 1.0 time to 2.0 times the standard playback speed.

18. (Previously Presented): The mobile terminal of Claim 15, wherein when the playback of the recorded broadcast data by the second playback subunit or the high-speed playback subunit catches up with the real-time broadcast, or when broadcasting of the broadcast program being played back ends during the playback of the recorded broadcast data by the standard playback subunit, the recording unit stops recording the broadcast program.

19. (Previously presented): A method for recording and playing back a broadcast

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program in a mobile terminal having a broadcast program receiving function in addition to a communication function, the method comprising the steps of:

recording, when playback of a broadcast program being received is disabled by the communication function, the broadcast program in the memory as broadcast data including audio data and video data with the communication function having priority over the playback; and

playing back, when the disabled playback changes to be enabled, the broadcast data.

20. (Previously presented): A program embodied in a computer usable medium, comprising: said program is configured to cause a processor of a mobile terminal to execute the steps of:

recording, when playback of a broadcast program being received is disabled by a communication function, the broadcast program in memory as broadcast data including audio data and video data with the communication function having priority over the playback; and

playing back, when the disabled playback changes to be enabled, the broadcast data.

21. (Currently Amended): A mobile terminal comprising:

a broadcast wave receiving unit operable to receive a broadcast wave;

a playback unit operable to play back broadcast data including audio data and video data, based on the broadcast wave;

a recording unit operable to record the broadcast data when the playback of the broadcast data by the playback unit is interrupted by execution of a communication function that has priority over the playback;

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a control unit operable, when the playback is restarted, to control the playback unit to display, on a display, video data of a predetermined part of the recorded broadcast data and information that urges input of an instruction to play back the recorded broadcast data, wherein

the playback unit is able to play back the recorded broadcast data at a standard playback speed and a playback speed higher than the standard playback speed.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. The primary reason for allowance of the claims is the inclusion of the elements of *"a recording unit (Figure 1, element 113) operable, when playback of a broadcast program being received is disabled by the communication function, to record the broadcast program in the memory (Figure 1, element 114) as broadcast data including audio data and video data, with the communication function having priority over the playback"* in independent claims 1, 19, 20 and *"a recording unit (Figure 1, element 113) operable, when playback of the broadcast data by the playback unit (Figure 1, element 113) is interrupted by execution of a communication function that has priority over the playback"* in independent claim 21 and of Applicant's remarks on pages 13-14 received on 05 June 2008.
4. The prior art are also silent of that element as explained below:

Holleman et al. US 2006/0215847 A1 only discloses in Figure 1 that, *"The mobile device 100 having several functions or capabilities that alter, for example, the reproduction process, like a function to start playing the next track of a playlist, or jump to the next channel or station, or change a volume level, or change the reproduction speed, or start or stop a communication, etc. Another way of switching between applications may not initiated by the user, but by the system, e.g. on an incoming phone call or some other event. As soon as the incoming phone call is detected, the ring tone may be sounded, potentially mixed with the active sound source, e.g. MP3 playback.*

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While the incoming phone call is communicated to the user, the controls are mapped to the phone application rather than the audio playback application. In the phone application, touching the right earpiece could be mapped on answering the call and the left earpiece could be mapped to hanging up. As the user picks up the call, the playback of the music may be paused, [00025], [0047]".

Wada et al. US 2006/0083484 A1 only discloses that, *"The program erasure priority criterion is a combination of the playback number and the broadcast state date and time. That is to say , the programs are categorized into any of the groups: "playback once", "playback twice or more", "no playback" and "set for recording" according to the playback number and the recording condition while the erasure priority becomes higher in the order of "playback one", "playback twice or more", "no playback" and "set for recording". In addition, within the same group that earlier the broadcast start date and time the higher the erasure priority given to the program, [0180]".*

Borgward US 2005/0042983 A1 only discloses in Figures 32 that, *"A mobile device having a two-part structure composing of a display and operator control unit 127030 and a wearable computer unit 127010. If the display and operator control unit is embodied with a touch screen, the user can easily carry out input operations with the thumb of the hand with which his is holding the unit. Alternatively, operator control using an input pen (not illustrated) can also be provided. In one development, the microphone/headset unit 127050 has a switching device 127060 with which, for example, music playback can be switched off and incoming telephone call connected.*

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After the end of the telephone call, the music playback can be switched on again by activating again, [0300]".

Yap et al. US 2003/0043260 A1 only discloses in Figures 1, 6 that, *"Additionally, while viewing videophone message on display device 370, the Set Top Box (STB) 300 with DVAD 600 is configured so as to temporarily suspend playback (i.e., freeze-frame playback) to record an inbound message. This is based on the principle of bandwidth restriction. Host processor 310 can still process an inbound call since the freezing of playback data provides enough bandwidth to process of the incoming message. Once the incoming message has been processed and stored, playback can be re-commerce, [0115]".*

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. **Claims 1-21 are allowed.**

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HAI V. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-3901. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00-3:30 Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Anderson can be reached on 571-272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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